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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 29 January 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment is disapproved because the amendment changes the scope of the claims. For example, claim 10, previously recited inhibiting tone generation. That limitation no longer exist in the claim. The claims would have to be reviewed and researched based on the change in scope of the claims.


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